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Betty's history celebrated with model replica of landmark

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Correspondent

 $AGAWAM-Betty \\ `sOld Towne$ House on Springfield Street was a landmark banquet hall for many years in Agawam, closing for business in 1998.

The business also had a restaurant and meeting hall and hosted parties from people all over the

For Carol Grzywacz, it represented the place where she grew up and became a better person. It was the place where she learned to cook and many other life lessons.

When it closed, a part of her heart was taken with it. Now, she's brought Betty's Old Towne House back to life with a replica model of the popular locale.

"It was really something I decided to just try and do," said Grzy-

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The front page of our newspaper depicts Betty's Old Towne House demolition in 1998.



RIGHT: She shows the photo she used to build a replica of Betty's Old Town House.

Annual 9/11 observance

'We will never forget'

By Mike Lydick Turley Publications Correspondent

Frank Pignatare has never missed Agawam's annual observance of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

'We must never forget what happened that day," he said as he waited for the 2014 observance to start. The observance is held at the fire department's Main Street headquarters near a granite memorial that replicates the World Trade Center's (WTC) twin towers. Pignatare attends to honor the nearly 3,000 people who died in the attacks - particularly "the brave men and women" first responders who were killed while trying to rescue victims in the twin towers.

Pignatare was among nearly two dozen Agawam residents who gathered to remember what Agawam Fire Chief Alan Sirois

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Agawam firefighters salute the American flag as firefighter/paramedic R.J. Pensivy and drill master/paramedic Frank Matuszczak raise the flag to half-mast during the annual 9/11 remembrance ceremony at AFD headquarters.

Council agrees to borrow for sports facility project

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM - The improvements to the Agawam High School athletic facilities will become a reality after the Agawam City Council unanimously approved a bonding authorization for the project Mon-



day night at their regular meeting.

The city council authorized the borrowing, but an amendment to the request lowered the maximum amount authorized.

Mayor Richard Cohen requested the ability to borrow up to \$7,750,000 to make numerous improvement to the high school track, football field, baseball field, practice fields and the locker

Councilor Joseph Mineo, the chairman of the finance sub-committee, proposed lowering the bond authorization to \$6,750,000 because councilors learned a part of the project can be paid for with Community Preservation Act

Jennifer Bonfiglio, a member of the track exploratory committee and the secretary for the CPA Committee, confirmed at the meeting she has submitted an application to the CPA seeking \$1,035,000 in CPA funds.

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Cancer fund-raising telecast raises new hope for a cure

By Mike Lydick Turley Publications Correspondent

Patricia Wolos will never forget the day breast cancer took her sister's life.

"She died in my arms," she said. "It still feels like it happened yesterday."

Nearly 30 years later, the Agawam resident still finds it difficult to talk about her sister's death in 1986 at the age of 38. Her painful memories came flooding back when Wolos joined more than a dozen other Agawam residents who participated in a recent national cancer fund-raising telecast.

Wolos and her husband David attended a viewing party fundraiser on Sept. 5 at Springfield College. The telecast and viewing parties were part of collaboration between the American Cancer Society (ACS) and a grassroots movement known as Stand Up To Cancer (SU2C).

Specifically, members of local ACS Relay For Life teams gathered prior to the hour-long primetime telecast to not only stand up against cancer but also to remember those, like Wolos's sister, Eileen, who lost their battle with the disease.

The telecast and viewing par-Please see CANCER, page 9



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Patricia Wolos (right) talks with American Cancer Society Relay For Life Specialist Jennifer Ducharme during a viewing party at Springfield College for a recent national cancer fund-raising telecast.

ARE YOU OLD NEWS?

Each week the Aga-**Advertiser** wam News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured. Email your answers by Monday at noon to tkane@ turley.com.



Last week's photo: Correctly identifying former Agawam Superintendent of Schools James Bruno in last week's paper were Frank L. Cavallo and Lou Scherpa.



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Guilty plea for drunk driver

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM - A Stoughton man is headed to prison after changing his plea to guilty last Friday in Norfolk Superior

Sean Jackman, 25, pleaded guilty to a charge of motor vehicle homicide while operating under the influence of alcohol. He was also charged with manslaughter, but the charge was dropped as a part of a plea deal agreed to in Norfolk Superior Court.

Jackman was drunk on May 11 after attending a wedding. He left the wedding at approximately 11:30 p.m. and while traveling on Bolivar Road in Canton, he struck a wall and then a tree. His passenger, 20-year old Evan Bard, of Agawam, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident.

Bard's family, also from Agawam, gave emotional testimony during their victim impact statements. Several members of the Bard family spoke for up to an hour, with Jackman in tears while listening to the testimony.

Bard's mother, Barbara, expressed some sympathy to Jackman.

"I feel such immense sorrow for you and I'm scared for what is ahead of you but honestly, the best way you can pay your price is to not only serve your time, but more importantly to emerge a smarter person, a young man with the rest of his life ahead of him, a life that should be considered a gift and a life that you should spend dedicated to making good choices in honor of Evan," said Barbara.

Barbara told Jackman that the impact of what he had done will be felt forever by her and her family.

"No matter what happiness, joy or prosperity my life will

have, I can never be truly happy again," she said. "That is just plain sad."

Bard's father, Todd, also made a statement. He believes Jackman needs to serve his time and think about the impact

Jackman made an apology statement to the Bard family. He requested to face the Bards, but the judge denied the request. In the statement, he expressed remorse and sorrow for what he had done.

"No one from his family has reached out to us," said Barbara. "So I appreciate that and the fact that he requested to face us during that apology."

Todd commented he believed the apology was sincere.

"I definitely felt like he meant it," said Todd. "It does not have a lot of meaning right now, but it will in the future."

Jackman suffered severe injuries in the crash was actually arraigned a few days after the accident. His lawyer entered a not guilty plea on his behalf and bail was set at \$500,000 bail. The bail was later reduced to \$25,000 and he was fitted with an ankle bracelet and went on house arrest.

The case went through multiple hearings during the past 16 months before prosecutors in the case worked out a plea bargain deal with the defense. As a result of the plea bargain, Jackman now faces three to five years in prison. He was transferred to prison in Walpole following the hearing.

More than 50 of Bard's family and friends were present at the plea bargain hearing, wearing pink, a symbol of the deceased nursing student. Bard was junior at Curry College. Since her death, her family has started the EvvGirl Foundation. The foundation raises money for cameras to be placed in hospital neo-natal intensive care units. Bard was studying to work in neo-natal care.

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Fashion show to benefit children's theater

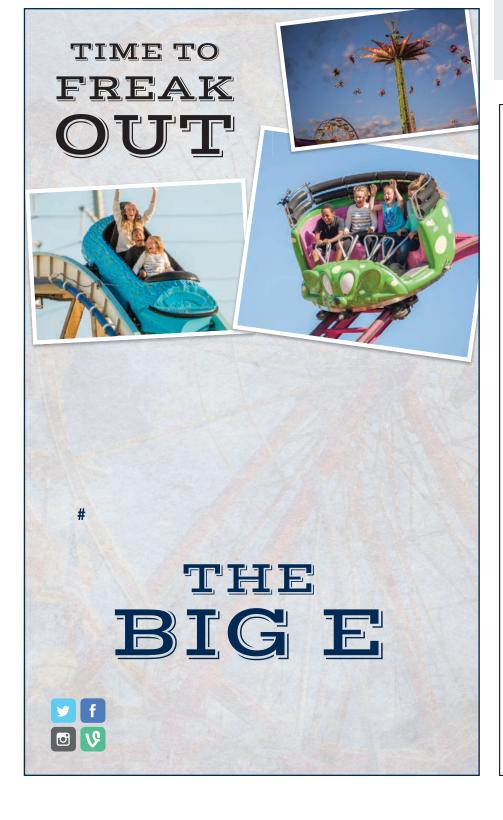
AGAWAM - For the eighth consecutive year, women of all ages, ethnicities and sizes will be the focus of the "For the Skin She's In" fashion show to be held Sunday, Oct. 12 at Chez Josef in Aga-

The program features women - and some men - who are non-professional models and volunteer their time to the show, which serves as a fundraiser for the Majestic Theater, a non-profit professional theater located in West Springfield. The funds will be specifically directed

toward the Majestic Children's Theater program.

The show will take place from 2 to 4 p.m., and will include tray-passed hors d'oeuvres, desserts, coffee and tea. There will also be vendors on hand for shopping opportunities. Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased by contacting Donna Mendenhall at 413-221-6193 or Dale Zlotnick at 413-530-2449.

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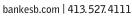
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Susan Tapply, right, sheds tears of joy with her good friend, Silka Lanski, on the return of the family pet after being lost for 24 hours.

Community responds for the love of 'Toebee'

AGAWAM - Susan Tapply, a longtime resident of Agawam, and her family went from extreme sadness to utter joy recently when their beloved dog, Toebee, went missing in the School Street Park area.

Unfamiliar with the area, the little white dog in a red vest was lost for over a 24hour period. During that time, the family was humbled by the outpouring of support from not only friends and family, but perfect strangers, many of whom that stayed up all

night combing the streets, dark woods, under bridges and along the highway looking for

The story turned even scarier when the dog was spotted running down Route 57, eventually crossing over the South End Bridge, heading into Springfield.

That scare turned to elation, though, when the beloved Toebee was found at the Balise dealership on the other side of the bridge on Columbus Avenue in Springfield.

Community invited to Girl Scout information session

AGAWAM - Parents and guardians of girls entering kindergarten through grade 12 are invited to a Girl Scout information and registration session Monday, Sept. 22 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St.

The event is free. Girls must be accompanied by their parent or guardian to attend. For more information, contact Katie Chappell at 508-749-3604, or visit kchappell@gscwm.org.

Girl Scout representatives will share the benefits of Girl Scouting and make registration convenient for parents/guardians. The registration fee is \$25 for the entire membership year. Girl Scouting is the ultimate leadership experience available to all girls ages 5 to 17.

For more information or to join online, visit www.girlscouts.org/join.

Zone change for cellular tower moves forward

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM - The Agawam City Council has approved the first reading of a zone change to add a parcel at 459 Mill Street to the Wireless Communications Overlay Dis-

The zone change was approved unanimously despite questions from city councilors about the height of the tower, how much it will improve service coverage, and whether more towers will be needed to adequately service the town.

Ellen Fryman, the attorney representing Verizon Wireless, said there is a huge needed to provide better service for the center of the town. She and Jay Latorre, an engineer with Verizon, made a similar presentation to the one for the planning board. Latorre showed councilors a map of how the reliable cellular coverage will improve with the tower.

Councilors Paul Cavallo, Joseph Mineo, and Gina Letellier also complained of bad cellular coverage in Silver Street and Suffield Street area.

"Sometimes, if you go outside the street corner, your cell might work or go straight to voicemail," said Letellier. "Is this going to definitely improve the coverage in the area?"

Mineo told Latorre he has to take his cellular phone outside to use it sometimes because of bad coverage in the area.

"I have to rely on my landline a lot," said

Latorre told the councilors the maps are projections that are compiled, but are not a full guarantee of how well the coverage will improve.

Councilor Donald Rheault asked how tall the tower will be. Latorre responded saying it will be 105 feet tall, leading Cavallo to ask if it could be higher.

"Is it possible if you build a taller tower

that it will improve the signal even more?" Cavallo asked.

Latorre said building a tower that was taller than 105 feet would not be appropriate in this case.

We have to conscious of the area and how the tower will look," said Latorre. "We want to be good neighbors to the people here in Agawam and we do not want the tower to be an eyesore. We chose this site because there are a lot of trees around and it will not be as noticeable.'

Council President Christopher Johnson asked if other sites, including a tower belonging to Western Massachusetts Electric Company, were not considered. He also said he would have liked a report of all sites considered for the tower and why they were disqualified from consideration.

"I would have liked to have more information about why another site could not have been used," said Johnson.

Johnson also said he had a problem approving a zone change relying on information only provided by the applicants.

He called on the Zoning Board of Appeals to use their power in the zoning ordinance to have the applicants fund an expert for the town to verify the coverage information Verizon Wireless presented is accurate.

Councilor George Bitzas noted the tower proposal had support from the fire department and improving communications in town was in the interest of public safety.

"I cannot say no to that," he said.

The Legislative Sub-committee discussed the issue on Sept. 10 and made no recommendation to the council because they wanted to see how neighbors felt about the issue. No one spoke against the request.

A second reading of the zone change must be approved before Verizon Wireless can apply for site plan approval from the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Humason marks Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

In recognition of September being Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, State Sen. Don Humason, R-Westfield, took the opportunity to encourage his constituents to talk to their doctors about available options in prostate cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment.

"Prostate screening saves lives," Humason said. "Awareness of early detection options is one of the major public health goals of the commonwealth. While it isn't the easiest subject to discuss, men, and their families, must pay attention to this critical aspect of their well-being."

Men age 50 to 69 are encouraged to discuss screening options with a doctor, and should have routine screenings every two years. High-risk men age 40 and over should be provided with the same screening education and options as men age 50 to 69. Risk factors include African American ancestry and family history of prostate cancer.

The prostate cancer crisis is not limited to preventable deaths. For every life lost this year alone, at least three men will have unnecessary treatment and over 30 men will have unnecessary biopsies, which cause complications and inflate health care costs.

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Opinion

Where we're going, we need roads

It's time for the state legislature to do something about the growing need of completing the Route 57 extension from Feeding Hills center to the Southwick line.

The dormant project has recently come to the front burner because of an application for a zone change from DCJ Realty, which wants to open a sports complex on South West Street in Feeding Hills. Now, the good news about that application is that DCJ is proposing to keep a right-of-way open so Route 57 can be completed someday.

But just how long is Western Massachusetts Electric Company going to wait for the state to find funding to complete this road before they finally sell their land?

The state is walking a fine line in taking its time to do the project. Our local and state legislative representation have done quite a bit of leg work just to watch this project remain stalled. And while DCJ Realty recognizes the need for the project and are making it possible to keep it alive, another firm could try to purchase more WMECO property where Route 57 is supposed to go, effectively killing the project.

Officials in Southwick, Agawam, and West Springfield are still heavily in favor of seeing Route 57 extend all the way to the Southwick-Agawam line.

If you are a frequent traveler between Agawam and Southwick, you will notice on South Westfield Street and Southwick Street in Feeding Hills that the roads often get divots and potholes due to the large amount of truck traffic. Southwick's industrial park on Hudson Drive is one of the main reasons why the truck traffic exists.

There is also regular thru-traffic that connects Southwick and other hilltowns like Granville and Tolland with the Springfield

Mayor Richard Cohen of Agawam and the Board of Selectmen in Southwick have both worked to meet with the Transportation Secretary Richard Davey to keep the project in the pipeline and show that it still has merit. Now, Davey needs to act to bring this much-needed artery to life.

Or, the state and towns can continue spending thousands and thousands of dollars repaving South Westfield Street and Southwick Road and dealing with the numerous traffic jams that take place in that area.

It is inconceivable that this project was nearly killed in the first place. The state needs to respond before the available land

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Letter to the Editor

ADOG Field Day again a success

To the editor:

I would like to sincerely thank all those involved in making the Agawam Dog Owners Group (ADOG) Second Annual Field Day a success. Dedicated members of ADOG have volunteered countless hours of service to help fundraise and bring awareness to the dog park project and this event was no exception.

A huge thank you to Cheryl Barnhart for chairing and organizing the event. Your vision and implementation of Field Day deserves a tremendous applause. Thank you, too, to the over 30 vendors who endured the hot and humid weather to help support ADOG. It is much appreciated and we hope to see you back again next year.

Also, thank you to Chris Sparks, director of Parks and Recreation, for helping us set up the field and get ready for our event. I would also like to thank members of the media, including the Agawam Advertiser News, who chose to cover our event and publicize the dog park project's progress. Most of all, thank you to the community for coming and showing your spirit. It was great to see so many dog owners with their beloved pets enjoying the day. It is my hope that next year's Field Day includes the grand opening of the park.

We will continue our fundraising to help support the park and encourage you to like us on Facebook as well as visit our website, www.AgawamDog-Park.com for the latest news and events.

> Debbi Sanchez, President Agawam Dog Owners Group



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Faith really does matter

America is no longer a nation under God. There are fundamental issues that divide us. Many Americans have abandoned faith and a belief in God's truth. They no longer believe in moral standards. They simply do what is right in their own eyes. The result is a power struggle. Society loses its conscious understanding of what is right and what is wrong. This leaves a vacuum that creates a struggle for power. This is what makes politics so ugly.

The Bible reveals that in the Garden of Eden the struggle for right

and wrong began when man was tempted by evil to eat of the Tree of Knowledge (of good and evil). At that moment, man would no longer need God but he himself would be able to discern what was good or evil. Man could then create



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his own society - no longer needing Divine guidance - no longer needing absolute, clear, moral standards that would create a good society.

People of faith are not just a special interest group in society. People of faith understand that Christianity is good for the ordering of life in both the individual and the commu-

Throughout history, people left to their own presumptions have led to the destruction of societies and inhumane acts. There are universal truths that unite us together. When Chris-

tians speak out defending this faith we are accused of trying to impose our beliefs on others. Christianity is the only worldview that unites cultures and peoples.

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Public Safety

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 60 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for the week from Sept. 9 to Sept. 15.

On Sept. 9 at 11:03 a.m., the department responded to South Bridge Drive for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On Sept. 9 at 1:10 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for unintentional transmission of alarm, other.

On Sept. 10 at 1:45 p.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for service call, other.

On Sept. 10 at 7:49 p.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for service call, other.

On Sept. 11 at 5:15 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On Sept. 11 at 9:24 p.m., the department responded to Hemlock Ridge, was dispatched and cancelled en route.

On Sept. 13 at 2:01 p.m., the department responded to Nolan Lane for citizen complaint.

On Sept. 13 at 11:55 p.m., the department responded to Maple Street for alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional.

On Sept. 15 at 10:30 a.m., the department responded to Meadowbrook Manor for smoke detector activation, no fire - uninten-

On Sept. 15 at 3:25 p.m., the department responded to Route 57 Rotary for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On Sept. 15 at 6:03 p.m., the department responded to Begley Street for forest, woods or wildland fire.

On Sept. 15 at 9:01 p.m., the department responded to Route 57 East for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On Sept. 15 at 9:08 p.m., the department responded to Route 57 for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

Police Log

The Agawam Police Department responded to 320 calls for service from Sept. 9 to Sept. 15. The department made 8 arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Tuesday, Sept. 9

Nicholas Packard, 23, of 91 Liberty St., Agawam, was arrested on a charge of possession to distribute a Class D drug.

Wednesday, Sept. 10

Joseph J. Kroll IV, 25, of 1187 Springfield St., Agawam, was arrested on two warrants.

A juvenile from Agawam was arrested on charges of carrying a dangerous weapon on school grounds and carrying a dangerous weapon.

Friday, Sept. 12

Catrina Nichols, 33, of 313 Orange St., Apt. 2, Springfield, was arrested on three warrants and a charge of larceny by check over \$250.

Saturday, Sept. 13

Lawrence Bailey, 30, of 16 Severyn St., Wilbraham, on charges of distribution of a Class D drug and conspiracy to violate the drug law.

Sunday, Sept. 14

Matthew Christopher Reardon, 22, of 238 Maple St., Apt. 1, Agawam, was arrested on a warrant and charges of resisting arrest and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (baseball bat).

Monday, Sept. 15

Dean LaBelle, 27, of 103 Hillside Road, Apt. A, Southwick, was arrested on charges of operating a motor vehicle with license suspended subsequent offense, operating under the influence of liquor, and possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor

Jennifer Fuller, 46, of 18 Randall St., Agawam, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

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Regular School Committee Meeting

Roberta G. Doering School 68 Main St.

Tuesday, Sept. 23 - 7 p.m.

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Moment of silence
- 3. Roll call of attendance
- 4. Regular meeting 7 p.m.
- 5. Citizen's Speak Time
- 6. Highlights on Education: a. Presentation of new staff
- 7. Superintendent's Notes:
- 8. Student Advisory Committee representative update
- 9. Unfinished Business: None
- 10. Business meeting
- a. Routine matters
- 1) Approval of Minutes
- 2) Calendar/Correspondence
- b. Warrants/Transfers
- c. Reports:
- 1). Scheduled Reports
- ¥ Summer School Update (paper re-
- ¥ Summer Enrichment Programs Update (paper reports) ¥ Personnel Update (paper report)
- ¥ Technology Update M. Feeley, A.
- Flynn, and K. Poggi
 - 2). Subcommittee Updates
 - 11. New Business:
 - a. SCR-14-21, Approval of AHS Grad-

- uation Ceremony on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at 1 p.m. at Symphony Hall
- b. SCR-14-22, Approval to establish a Peer Mediation Club as an extracurricular activity at the AJHS with an advisor
- c. SCR-14-23, Authorization to construct a new track, field, and school locker facility at Agawam High School
- d. SCR-14-24, Approval of the Rayna D. Castro Memorial Scholarship
- e. SCR-14-25, Authorization to Construct a New Early Childhood Center
 - 12. Policy Review:
- a. Policy ADDA, Background Checks, 1st reading
- b. Policy ADDA-R, DCJIS Model CORI Policy, 1st reading
- c. Policy IKE, Promotion Guidelines Grades 9-12, 1st reading
- d. Policy EGA, Cell Phones and Porta-
- ble Communication Devices, 1st reading e. Policy JH, Student Absences and Excuses, 1st reading
- f. Policy JIC, Student Discipline, 1st
- g. Policy JII, Student Complaints and Grievances, 1st reading
- h. Policy JK, Student Conduct, 1st
- 13. Any other items that may legally come before the committee
 - 14. Adjournment

'A Scary Story Writing Contest' open to area students

AGAWAM - The Agawam Historical Association is sponsoring "A Scary Story Writing Contest," which is open to third-through sixth-graders. Prizes will be awarded to the best story in each grade. Each story must start with "It was a dark and stormy night..." and end with "and they were never seen again."

Stories may be submitted in the red box at the Agawam Public Library between Monday, Sept. 29 and Friday, Oct. 10. On a separate page, but attached to the story, include author's name, grade, school, phone number and parent's email address.

Winners will be notified by Wednesday, Oct. 22. The winning stories will be read at the "Star, Serenade and Stone Soup," candlelight evening at the Thomas Smith House, 251 North West St., Friday, Oct. 24 from 6

Information about the history of Agawam and Feeding Hills is available at the library or by emailing questions to the Agawam Historical Association at AgawamHistoricalAssoc@gmail.com.

Vendor event to benefit area organizations

AGAWAM - Anisa's Closet and Crafty Cookie, of Agawam, will host "A Day Out For Success," Saturday, Sept. 20 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Mill building located at 168 Elm St., Agawam.

This vendor event will include Anisa's Closet, Crafty Cookie, Tastefully Simple, Origami Owl, Pampered Chef, Scarlett Scarves, Unique Make Up, Pammy Cakes, Sue's Occasion Cakes, Jamberry Nails, Marty's Eye Candy, Tupperware, Pink Zebra, Celebrating Home, Luna Design Studios, Psychic Medium Miranda Limbert, B.E. Fit, Zumba with Sue, and Rodan+Fields Skin Care, 31 and more.

In addition, there will be a Chinese raffle and lots of fun. Proceeds will benefit The Ronald McDonald House and Dress For Success, two organizations located in Springfield.

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Weekly calendar of events

Monday, Sept. 22: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, Sept. 23: SHINE Representative (by appt.); 9 a.m., Exercise Class, Sewing Class, Knitting Class; 10 a.m., PACE, Computer Tech Club Meets; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie ("The Secret Life of Walter Mitty"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., Chorus; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance.

Wednesday, Sept. 24: Agawam Day at The Big E; 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, Ballroom Lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Age Chapter 1 Meeting; 2:30 p.m., Bus Leaves for Big E parade; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Thursday, Sept. 25: 9 a.m., Exercise; 9:30 a.m., No Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Free Blood Pressure Check; Pitch, No Open Art; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, Sept. 26: 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art; 10 a.m., Tai Chi; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold

Lunch menu

Monday, Sept. 15: Cheese ravioli with meat sauce, garden salad, oranges.

Tuesday, Sept. 16: Roast turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, squash, pears.

Wednesday, Sept. 17: Barbeque chicken, potato salad, macaroni salad, pudding. Thursday, Sept. 18: Shepherd's pie, beet

salad, baked good.
Friday, Sept. 19: Tomato Florentine soup, tuna on whole-wheat, three-bean salad, mixed fruit.

Library exhibit to feature area photographer's work

AGAWAM - For the month of October, the Agawam Public Library's gallery exhibit will feature the photography of Mary Jeanne Tash, of West Springfield.

Tash was born in Danbury, Conn. and is currently a health teacher, organist, photographer, mother of two and grandmother of two. Her father gave her a camera at 10 years old, and she has not been without one since. She is a candid photographer specializing in nature, children, special events and Catholic liturgy. She also does small informal weddings, reunions and parties.

Tash was part of several significant photographic events, including being part of the staff to do candid photographs of Arch-

bishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu when he was in Springfield. In 1974, while on her honeymoon in England at the age of 23, she took a picture of the Queen exiting her car at Covent Garden. When she returned to the states, however, she realized she had gotten a great shot of the Queen Mother, not Queen Elizabeth.

Her philosophy is that moments affect our lives, whether it is a baby duckling with its mother, the baptism of a soldier leaving for Iraq, or a student desperately trying to master a math problem, it is the glance, the heavy sigh, the smile, even the waddle that defines the image, but the effects of the image are defined by those who see them.

Drug Take Back Day set for Sept. 27

AGAWAM - National Drug Take Back Day is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 27 at Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main St., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The purpose of this free collection day is to allow residents to dispose of old medications, drugs and syringes safely, with no questions asked.

Used needles, syringes and lancets will be collected in approved sharps containers only. Puncture-proof laundry bottles will not be accepted. Items not accepted include chemo drugs, IV bags as well as liquids of any type.

This event is sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Agawam Health Department, Agawam Police Department, Agawam MRC and the Agawam mayor's office.

Council agrees to borrow for sports facility project COUNCIL, from page 1

"I submitted the application," she said. "But we are waiting for the CPA funds to be certified by the state."

Legislation a few years ago allowed the use of CPA funds on existing town parks and recreation grounds. However, there are restrictions to the use of funds, including vertical construction and artificial turf. Both are planned for the athletic facility plans, but there are other areas of improvements of the project CPA funds qualify for.

Because of this, Councilor Gina Letellier said the finance sub-committee felt they should lower the borrowing authorization.

"We know there is going to be at least \$1 million to use in CPA funds now," said Letellier. "It made sense to lower the borrowing."

Mineo said there is a contingency line item in the current specifics for the project and says the mayor can come back in front of the council for more funding if needed.

"This has happened before when we were re-doing the Department of Public Works building," said Mineo. "They needed additional funding and we granted it twice."

Council President Christopher Johnson voted in favor of the borrowing with the rest of the council, but says he wants more information about the project, including the projected principal and interest schedule and how it will affect the tax rate.

"I definitely am in support of the project," said Johnson. "It is needed. But I wish we were given more information." Johnson said he wants to see the full information about the pay schedule when the construction bids come in. He also suggested the additional information he is seeking be presented prior to authorizing the CPA funds for the project.

According to Cohen, the request for proposals has gone out and will be due on Oct. 3. The bid for the design and construction documents will be awarded a week later. He hopes construction will begin next spring.

"I'm very glad the council has approved this project," said Cohen. "We are going to do whatever we can to keep the project cost down and bond as little as possible."

Councilor George Bitzas, the lone member of the council to serve on the track exploratory committee, said he is pleased to see the project become a reality so the town can offer proper facilities for the high school athletes.

The town is also awaiting an answer from the Massachusetts School Building Authority to see if the locker room repairs that are part of the project will qualify for state funding, which could also reduce the cost of the project.

The project includes an artificial turf multi-use field and an all-weather track. It includes new bleachers, ticket booth, bathrooms and concession stands. Improvements will be made to the practice fields, varsity baseball field, and tennis courts. The locker rooms inside the high school will be brought up to code.

Spaces available for upcoming tag sale

AGAWAM - The First Baptist Church, located at 760 Main St., Agawam, will host a tag sale Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rental space is available for \$15. Tables can be provided by the church.

For more information, call Yoshi at 786-9042 or the church office at 786-7300.

Twin Rivers Casino trip open to the public

AGAWAM - The Agawam Golden Agers Chapter Two will host a trip to Twin River Casino in Newport, R.I. Thursday, Oct. 16. This trip is open to the public, and all are welcome to join.

The cost is \$29 per person and includes deluxe motor coach, \$7 meal ticket, \$10 dollar free slot play and all gratuities.

The bus will leave from the Sacred Heart Church Parking lot at 8 a.m. and will return at 5 p.m. For more information or reservations, contact Art Usher at 413-786-3567.

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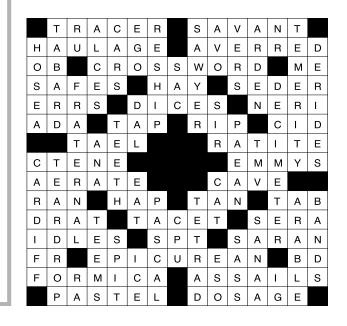
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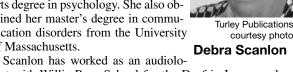




Scanlon joins Park Square Realty

Ted Cassell, president of Park Square Realty, announced that Debra Scanlon has joined Park Square Realty's Westfield office as a sales associate. She will specialize in residential listings and sales and can be reached at 568-9226 or 297-5777.

Scanlon is a graduate of Westfield State University with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. She also obtained her master's degree in communication disorders from the University of Massachusetts.



gist with Willie Ross School for the Deaf in Longmeadow and also served for 29 years in the Air National Guard and retired as a master sergeant.

A Holyoke native, she currently resides in Westfield with her husband and two daughters. She is associated with the Westfield Lodge of Elks, American Legion Post 124 and the American Speech and Hearing Association.

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St. John's to host White **Mountain trip**

AGAWAM - The St. John's Travelers will host a three-day White Mountain Christmas trip Dec. 8 to 10.

Cost for the trip is \$579 per person, double occupancy; \$559 per person, triple occupancy; and \$709 single occupancy. Prices include two nights at the White Mountain Resort Hotel, full American breakfast each morning, lunch at the resort, three shows at the resort, Rocks Estate and Christmas craft sale, North Conway outlet shopping, a Tours of Distinction escort as well as tour escort and driver gratuities.

Travel insurance, which is optional but highly recommended, is \$28 per person for double and triple rooms and \$35 for single and must be purchased at the time of deposit.

For information and reservations, contact Emile Cote, at St. John's Travelers, 2 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001 or call 413-335-9440.





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The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Bashir for property located at 101 Horsham Place.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman Agawam Conservation Commission

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AGAWAM - Boy Scout Troop 185 will host a can and bottle drive Saturday, Oct. 4. Drop-off location is in front of the Agawam First Baptist Church on Main Street from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will help defray the cost of campouts and other Scout functions. Rain date is Oct. 11.

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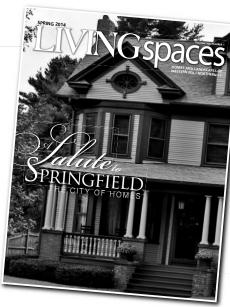






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Cancer fund-raising telecast raises new hope for a cure

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ties helped to build public support and raise money for funding cancer research. Money raised will support the SU2C "dream team" researchers who are working on innovative cancer treatments and who are partly funded by the ACS.

Viewing party raises nearly \$2,000

The Springfield College viewing party raised nearly \$2,000 while more than \$109 million in donations has been pledged in connection with the telecast. One hundred percent of the donations will go to support collaborative cancer research programs

The SU2C viewing party, one of more than 200 across the country, was co-hosted by Agawam resident Janine Iacolo. She is now serving her fourth year as chair of the Relay in Agawam.

Iacolo said one of the best benefits of the SU2C event was that it brought more collaborative efforts to fighting cancer.

"Through joint efforts and innovative research, we stand a greater chance of reducing cancer diagnoses, increasing the number of survivors, and providing more support for those in treatment," she said.

SU2C also continued the drive to "not be silent" about cancer, she added.

"Our voices, and our message, was heard loud and clear: Being silent against cancer is not an option," she said.

For Wolos, the SU2C event reaffirmed her reason for joining the Relay For Life of Agawam when it began in 2012.

"I felt like it was time to do something," she said "I wanted to fight back for Eileen. I wanted to honor her memory – and her fight. That's my motivation."

A member of the committee that plans the Relay, Wolos is adamant about the need to find a cure for cancer.

"It has to be a grassroots movement, just like what has made our Relay in Agawam grow each year, and this telecast will hopefully spur a national and international movement to find a cure for cancer," she said.

Strong showing for Agawam Relay teams

Bridgett Herzog, a senior manager for ACS Relay events, called the event a success.

"Participants were excited to support this unique event," she said. "The fact that so many Relay teams from across Western Massachusetts were represented demonstrates the widespread support of the cause."

Agawam was well-represented at the viewing party. Twenty-six of the 64 participants were members of Relay For Life of Agawam teams. Iacolo said she was "extremely pleased"

with the terrific turnout by Agawam's Relay teams.

"This large turnout just continues to emphasize how committed we all are to the fight against cancer," she said. "I think it says volumes about how driven our community is to fight cancer."

Three members of the Agawam Relay team Butterflies of Hope came out to support each other as well as many others who have been affected by cancer. Linda Lolos, Joanne DiDonato and Michelle "Shelly" Anderson know the importance of working together as a team. They work as a team at the Home Depot store in Westfield. They also work as a team to fight back against cancer.

Anderson, who lives in Blandford, said they didn't want to stay home and watch the telecast from the comfort of their living rooms. Instead, they traveled to Springfield College on a Friday night.



Agawam resident Janine Iacolo served as cohost of a viewing party at Springfield College for a recent national primetime cancer fund-raising telecast. Behind Iacolo at the podium is Bridgett Herzog, the other co-host, is a senior manager for Relay events at the American Cancer Society.



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Joanne DiDonato (left) and Michelle "Shelly" Anderson, members of the Agawam Relay For Life of Agawam team Butterflies of Hope, recently helped to raise money for cancer research. They joined other Relay teams at Springfield College to participate in a national primetime fund-raising telecast.

"We wanted to be with other people who understand what it's like to be touched by cancer," said Anderson. "I have a lot of loved ones who are fighting cancer, so finding a cure is very important to me."

Lolos, who lives in Feeding Hills, knows first-hand what it's like to hear those dreaded words, "You've got cancer." Four years ago, she was diagnosed with bladder cancer. The cancer had progressed so far that she had to have her bladder removed – but it saved her life.

"I'm happy and I'm alive," she said. Lolos added that she received a lot of support from her friends and co-workers when she "went through a lot of rough times" with her cancer.

Unlike her two colleagues and friends, DiDonato, who lives in Agawam, said she has been "blessed" to not have had cancer herself nor have any close relatives diagnosed with the disease. But she has seen how it has affected people like Lolos and Anderson.

"For me, it's important to support anyone who has been affected by cancer," she said. "We've got to be there for each other."

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Members of Agawam's police and fire departments stand in formation beside two fire trucks during the annual 9/11 remembrance ceremony. Agawam Police Chief Eric Gillis is second from the left.



Agawam Fire Chief Alan Sirois delivers opening remarks at the town's annual 9/11 remembrance ceremony as firefighters and police officers stand side by side in front of a fire engine.



(I to r) Agawam City Councilor George Bitzas, State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, and Agawam Mayor Richard Cohen bow their heads during Agawam's annual 9/11 observance.



Agawam City Councilor George Bitzas pauses to remember the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks at the town's 9/11 memorial. Bitzas helped design the granite memorial in front of AFD headquarters that depicts the World Trade Center's twin towers.

Annual 9/11 observance

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called a "sad day" in our nation's history. Sirois served as master of ceremonies for the 20-minute ceremony. Two fire engines parked in front of the headquarters served as a backdrop for the ceremony. Standing in formation beside the trucks, members of Agawam's police and fire departments were a symbolic reminder of the hundreds of fire-fighters, police officers, and EMS providers killed on 9/11.

Remember 9/11 for 'an eternity'

Sirois said Sept. 11, 2001, is a day that every American should "remember and recognize for an eternity." The chief recalled that 13 years ago, everyone stopped whatever they were doing and tried to understand "the horror" of what they saw on their television screens.

"For many people here, we can recall the day clearly and we will never forget, said Sirois. "Others here may have been too young to understand why airplanes were crashing and buildings collapsing."

He added that for children born after 9/11, that darkest day may become an obscurity, something discussed in history classes or described on the Internet. Sirois said the annual observance not only remembers those whose lives were lost, but it also helps to educate the next generation.

"If we fail to do this, we risk repeating our tragic history," he said. "We must educate our children, honor the memories of the fallen, remember to remain vigilant, and – most important – remain strong as a nation."

Following the raising of the American flag to half-mast by firefighter/paramedic R.J. Pensivy and drill master/paramedic Frank Matuszczak, Sirois introduced Tim Reed, the executive pastor of Agawam's Bethany Assembly of God.

A profound emotional impact

Reed said as he looks back over his life, 9/11 had a "much deeper, more profound impact" than the sadness of other tragedies, such as the attempted assignation of Ronald Reagan or the space shuttle Challenger disaster.

"I hugged my children more tightly that night," he said. "I talked in a hushed tone. The emotional weight of this despicable incident was carried on the shoulders of the American people. Once again, words are not capable of capturing all the intense emotion of that day we now reverently refer to as 9/11."

Reed said moments like 9/11 show the "incredible resilience, fortitude and dedication" of Americans to stand up and fight against what he called the tide of malevolence.

"We must never succumb to the tyranny of evil, but stand for freedom, and be willing to give our all to defend our rights of life, liberty, and justice for all," he said.

When disaster strikes, he added, the brave men and women of fire and police departments as well as other emergency responders put their lives on the line to rescue those in need.

"9/11 truly showed the selfless acts of courage displayed in New York City's finest emergency response teams," he said. "I hope and pray that we never forget to be grateful for the men and women who gave their all and died in the line of duty that fateful Tuesday morning."

Striking the four fives

One of the most poignant parts of the service came near the end of the ceremony with a custom known as "striking the four fives." It originated in the New York City Fire Dept. to honor firefighters who died in the line of duty. Five bell strikes, repeated in four se-



Nearly two dozen people – including town and state representatives – look on as Tim Reed, executive pastor of Agawam's Bethany Assembly of God, delivers remarks at the annual 9/11 remembrance ceremony at AFD headquarters.



Firefighter/paramedic R.J. Pensivy and drill master/paramedic Frank Matuszczak raise the American flag at Agawam's 9/11 memorial during the annual remembrance ceremony at AFD headquarters. It marked the 13th anniversary of the terrorist attacks.



Agawam Mayor Richard Cohen and Tim Reed, executive pastor for the Bethany Assembly of God, converse in front of the town's 9/11 memorial following the annual remembrance of the 2001 terrorist attacks.



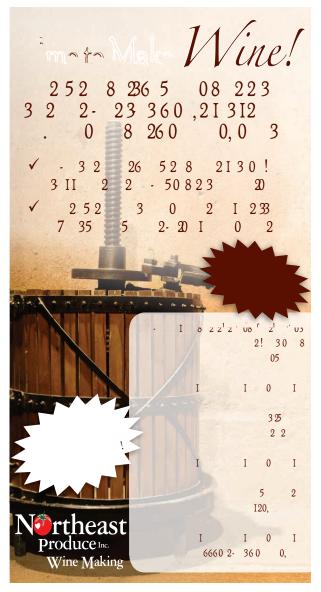
Agawam Fire Chief Alan Sirois and Agawam firefighters salute the American following a flag-raising ceremony during the annual 9/11 remembrance ceremony. It marked the 13th anniversary of the terrorist attacks.



Tim Reed, executive pastor of Agawam's Bethany Assembly of God, delivers remarks at the annual 9/11 remembrance ceremony at AFD headquarters.



Retired Agawam firefighter Ray Pond "strikes the five fours" to honor firefighters who died in the line of duty on Sept. 11, 2001. The bell signal – which originated in the NYFD -- is five bell strikes, repeated in four series, with a slight pause between each series of strikes.



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ries, with a slight pause between each series of strikes, were transmitted over the radio, followed by an announcement.

Retired Agawam firefighter Ray Pond used a bell mounted on the front of a fire engine to "strike the five fours." After observing a moment of silence, firefighter/paramedic Paul Fenn recited the Firefighter's Prayer. Pond then struck a final series of five fours.

Father Bill Hamilton, chaplain for the AFD, ended the ceremony with some words of comfort and a closing prayer. He said that 13 years after 9/11, "our hearts continue to ache" for those who died in the attacks.

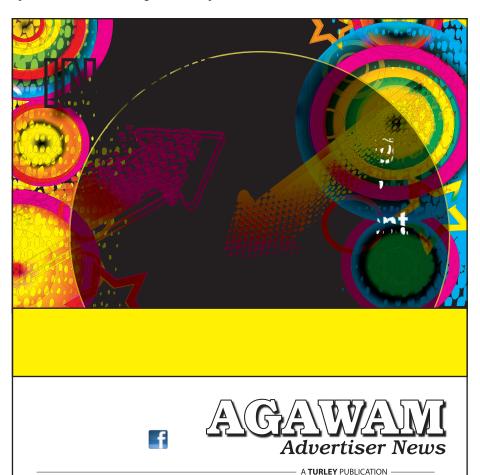
The chaplain said as terrible as those moments were, and in the midst of such horrendous loss of life, there were extraordinary expressions of faith, courage, and compas-

sion.

He urged those gathered for the ceremony to "remember those courageous individuals who gave their lives unselfishly" in service of others while also remembering all those who have lost their lives since the 9/11 attacks.

Agawam Mayor Richard Cohen, who joined other city and state representatives at the ceremony, said afterwards it's important for Agawam to continue to observe the anniversary of 9/11.

"Ceremonies like this help us to remember those who gave of themselves but also the need to remain vigilant against any future attacks," he said. "We must never, ever forget one of the most horrific and tragic attacks on all of our citizens."





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Carleton picks knock off Holyoke

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - Jason Carleton made two huge interceptions in the fourth quarter and the Agawam High football team overcame a late surge by Holyoke to capture their first win of the season, 22-20 last Friday night at Harmon A. Smith Field.

It was the home opener for Agawam and the return of former coach Rick Jewell, who took the head coach job in Holyoke for this year.

Holyoke was strong to start the game, getting a pair of first quarter touchdowns to get stake out to a lead, but that was all the offense Holyoke would muster until late in the fourth quarter.

Trailing 13-7, Carleton made an interception made an in the closing seconds of the first quarter and ran the ball back for a touchdown. But an illegal block would bring the ball back to Holyoke's 34-yard

A facemask penalty would move Agawam inside the 20-yard to end the first quarter. Agawam needed three more plays in the second quarter before Gio Russo made a short run into the end zone for the touchdown. Sean Moore kicked his second extra point of the game

to make it 14-13 Agawam.

That was all the scoring there would be for more than two quarters. Both teams took turns with the ball. Each team had chances to score and each teams made turnovers deep inside each other's ter-

Holyoke got the latest restart at their own 39-yard line. On third down and 15 to go, Holyoke's Andrew Peltier threw to the right side. The pass was picked off by Carleton, who ran all the way to the end zone for the second time in the game. This time, there were no flags and Agawam extended their lead.

In a curious move, the Brownies went for two to make it a ninepoint lead, a two-score game.

The gambled paid off as Troy Gallerani connected with Fred Karl-Morin on the left side of the end zone for the conversion to make it 22-13.

Holyoke would make a great return on the ensuing kickoff and needed a score quickly to stay in the game. On the first play of the drive, a halfback toss pass was intercepted by Carleton to give possession of the ball back to the Brownies.

Unfortunately, Agawam went three and out and punted the ball back to Holyoke. Holyoke would put a few plays together and Peltier

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up the right side.

Right: Dominic Grassetti tries to head up the middle on a run.

Falcons shut down Agawam

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam boys soccer team has been playing excellent to start the regular season.

Unfortunately, the Brownies rar into a Minnechaug team that was playing a little bit better on Monday night as they suffered their first loss of the regular season 2-0 at Harmon A. Smith Field.

Playing in their fourth consecutive night game, Agawam was dealt the loss, allowing a pair of second half goals while Minnechaug goalkeeper Matt LaBranche was able to make 12 saves and keep Agawam at bay for the entire 80 minutes.

Agawam certainly had some chances to score, but Minnechaug's speed allowed them to get past the Brownie defense late in the game. Alex Sours made seven saves for Agawam in his first loss of the sea-

Agawam dropped to 3-1-1 on the year while Minnechaug remained unbeaten at 4-0. The matchup was a possible preview of the playoffs in November. Agawam will not see Minnechaug again this season.

Last Saturday night, the Brownies had another excellent perfor-



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Agawam's Dalton Drummond (8) steps into a kick with his right foot.

mance on offense as they spent the evening beating Chicopee Comp, 4-1, under the lights at Comp.

Agawam showed their depth on the field as seven different players registered points in the game.

The game also marked the first start of the season for Abdullah See SOCCER, page 13

Dustin crushes Robinson course record

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - For Megan Dustin, putting together a full and healthy season was her only main goal.

Dustin is a multi-sport athlete and spends her spare time in the spring and summer participating in multiple triathlons.

But last Tuesday, Sept. 9, Dustin added another accomplishment to her many feats when she shattered the record at Robinson State Park by 15 seconds as she won her first race of her senior season against rival West Springfield.

Dustin finished the very difficult 3.1-mile course in an amazing time of 19 minutes, 43 seconds.

"I'm not sure what happened in that race," said Dustin. "It was really my first race back and I have been battling some nagging inju-

Dustin said she cut her triathlon season in the summer short because she began to suffer from shin splints. She has had similar injuries shorten her season with the cross country team for the past three years.

But fully ready to race last Tuesday, Dustin said she took a conservative approach to the first mile and a half to two miles.

"I just wanted to see what I Please see DUSTIN, page 14

Nielsen lifts Lady Brownies to tie

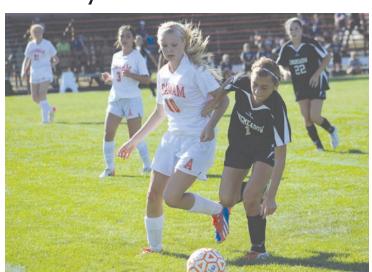
By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - Agawam overcame an early deficit and got a long fly ball from Jackie Nielsen to grab a 1-1 draw against Longmeadow last Friday afternoon in girls soccer action at Harmon A. Smith Field.

Longmeadow dominated possession for much of the first 20:00 of the game. They scored their goal in the third minute of the game on a Rebecca Girshik shot.

The Lancers took that momentum and had Agawam on the defensive for a while, but Agawam turned the tables around and start-

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Kristina Lemire competes for possession of the ball.

Agawam Athletic Association Suburban and CYO Basketball tryout dates

AGAWAM - The Agawam Athletic Association (AAA) is a non-profit organization founded to promote the sport of basketball for Agawam's youth.

For over 35 years the Agawam Athletic Association has sponsored the most talented and competitive travel teams in Agawam youth basketball for girls and boys in grades 3-8. Our association's travel basketball teams compete against the best Suburban and CYO basketball talent throughout the greater Springfield area.

Tryouts for boys will be:

3rd Grade – Tuesday, Oct. 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. 4th Grade – Tuesday, Oct. 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. 5th Grade – Thursday, Oct. 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. 6th Grade – Thursday, Oct. 2 from 7 to 9 p.m.

7th Grade – Friday, Oct. 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. 8th Grade – Friday, Oct. 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. Tryouts for Girls will be:

3rd Grade – Thursday, Oct. 9 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. 4th Grade – Thursday, Oct. 9 from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. 5th and 6th Grade – Tuesday, Oct. 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. 7th and 8th Grade – Tuesday, Oct. 14 from 7 to 9 p.m.

All tryouts will be held at Agawam Junior High School and players should arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of their scheduled time.

For more information and/or questions about the Agawam Athletic Association Suburban and CYO basketball program please contact George Circosta at GeoCircosta@comcast. net or 374-2283. Information can also be found on our website: www.leaguelineup.com/agawamaa.

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Shafique, who made two saves and allowed a goal in his varsity debut.

Tym Regnier led the Brownies with a goal and an assist. Anthony Sciartelli, Luis Nieves also scored for Agawam. Kris Page come out from the defensive end of the field and added a goal for the Brownies.

Eugene Cone, Nick Malerba, and freshman Karmer Nuhiu all had assists on the goals.

Last Wednesday night belonged to senior striker Brodie Keene, who scored four goals in a 7-0 victory over Holyoke

Agawam jumped out to a 3-0 lead, and poured it on in the second half, adding four more goals as they made quick work of the Knights at Roberts Field in Holyoke.

Nieves, Malerba, and Nuhiu all notched their first varsity goals during the contest. Nieves and Nuhiu also had assists along with Sciartelli, Regnier, and Cam Rivest. Sours made three saves to pick up his third shutout of the season.

Agawam's schedule does not get any easier as the Brownies head to Westfield on Monday at 4 p.m. They will meet Cathedral High School at home on Sept. 25 at 4 p.m. Agawam also had an independent contest against Ludlow on Monday.



Turley Publications photo by David Henry sweetdogphotos.com Agawam's Kris Page (14) heads the ball away.

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Agawam's Kamer Nuhiu (10) runs side by side with a defender.



Agawam's Tym Regnier (9) looks to make a big play up the field.

Agawam baseball tryouts scheduled

AHS coaches and players hosting Sept. 21 clinic

AGAWAM - Agawam Baseball will be having tryouts for the 2014-2015 travel baseball seasons during the month of September. Agawam Youth Baseball will be fielding teams in the 10u, 12u, 14u, Mickey Mantle, Junior Legion and Senior Legion this coming season.

AYB will be hosting a free clinic put on by Agawam Varsity coach Brian Rheault and staff as well as current AHS players on Sept. 21 at 4:30 p.m. at Shea Field. First 25 applicants are being accepted from grades 2-8. AYB is committed to supporting Agawam players and their effort to offer more baseball and more coaching support for players will begin with the clinic on the 21.

Agawam Youth Baseball tryout schedule:

14u Agawam Huskies will be Sept. 21 at 10:30 a.m. at Shea Field.

12u Agawam TBA Please see web site for update

10u Agawam Dirt Dogs will be Sept. 28 12 p.m. at Shea Field

Mickey Mantle, Junior, and Senior Legion will be April 2015. All players that make AHS Freshmen, JV, or Varsity teams will have a spot for summer baseball 2015.

Agawam Baseball will be looking for a 12u coach for the 2015 season. If anyone is interested please email Brian Rheault or Brian Regnier off the www.AGAWAMBASE-BALL.com website.

Agawam Baseball had a very successful kick off meeting last month at Captain Jimmies to go over the new program in town and to meet the people that will be helping with Agawam Baseball. Please see the web site for a complete lost of people and players who will be working with the players on various camps, clinics, and coaching help throughout the year.

For more information on Agawam Baseball please refer tot eh web site or contact email www.agawamaports@comcast.net with any questions or if you are interested in coaching a 12u team.

Hackers for Cancer Golf Tournament scheduled

AGAWAM - The Hackers for Cancer Golf Tournament is once again getting ready to hack the course to raise money for children with cancer and other life changing illnesses. This is the fourth annual tournament that continues to honor friends and family members that have lost the battle to cancer, as well as to those who continue the battle.

The tournament will be held Saturday, Sept. 20 at Oak Ridge Golf Course in Feeding Hills.

The cost is \$110 per person, which includes 18 holes, golf cart, barbeque lunch and a buffet dinner, golf challenges and many raffles. The cost for dinner only is \$25. Children under the age of 9 eat free.

Registration will take place from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch on the pavilion from 11:30 a.m. to noon. The four-person scramble shotgun start begins at noon. A dinner buffet will follow immediately after the tournament in the lower level banquet hall.

The Hackers for Cancer is also collecting new, unwrapped plain white tee shirts, size small and up, and printed duct tape. This will be donated to the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp so the campers can continue to make crafts while at camp.



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connected with Danny Boyle for a 10-yard touchdown pass. The extra point made it 22-

Agawam would cover the onsides kick from Holyoke, and two good first-down runs by Russo allowed Gallerani to take a knee in the final minute to secure the win.

Russo had a better game for the Brownies after struggling in Week 1 against Longmeadow. He ran 100 yards on 21 carries with two touchdowns. Carleton had two catches for 40 yards. Gallerani went 2-for-4 for 40 yards and one interception.

Peltier, last year's passing leader, went 14for-27 for 214 yards and three touchdown passes. He threw two interceptions.

Timothy Giard had five receptions for 109 pounds. DeVante Wardell had four catches for 89 yards.

Both teams start their league schedule this week. Holyoke hosts Longmeadow Friday night at 7 p.m. Agawam will host Chicopee at the same time.

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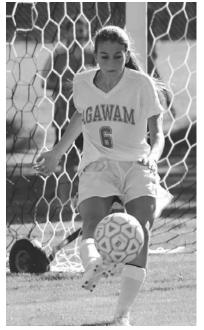
Gio Russo makes a carry for Agawam.



Holyoke's Brian Swierzewski tries to make a run with Agawam's Michael Basile trying to pull him down.



Quarterback Andrew Peltier comes up throwing.



Lindsay Wassung makes the goal kick for the Brownies.

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ed attacking the Longmeadow end of the

Longmeadow was on the defensive, and Agawam had trouble getting shots on goal. At about the 30-minute mark of the game, Agawam was able to keep the ball consistently past midfield, but was not able to get the ball in the box.

Their best chance came late in the first half when Sydney O'Keefe lifted a long shot toward the right corner of the net.

Longmeadow goalie Morgan Strassburg tipped the ball away at the height of her jump to keep it from going in the goal. The ball went out of bounds, giving Agawam another chance on the goal with a corner kick. The Lancers cleared the ball out to keep their lead.

Agawam would make two more long attempts at getting the ball over Strassburg's head, but one shot went over the goal, and Strassburg managed to catch the second shot to give Longmeadow the 1-0 lead at half-

Agawam dominated possession throughout the second half of the game. Longmeadow had very few attacks on the Agawam goal.



Turley Publications photos by Gregory A. Scibelli Allie Wysocki controls the ball in the middle of the field.

With 9:30 remaining in the game, Neilsen was about 35 yards out on the left side. She lifted a long high shot into the right upper corner of the goal to tie the score.

"I had a feeling it was going to come down to a shot like that," said Agawam coach Laura Wray-Ramos. "We were attacking the goal quite a bit, so we were bound to score eventually."

Longmeadow was the team that knocked Agawam out of last year's Division 1 Tournament when they defeated Agawam in the first round on penalty kicks.

"This was an important tie for us," said Ramos. "It's a league game and a big point for us against the team that knocked us out last year." Strassburg was busy for Longmeadow, having to make 20 saves for the Lancers. Jenna Beach started and allowed one goal and made two saves in the first half. Becca Uschmann played a perfect second half and also made two saves to preserve the tie.

Agawam defeated Southwick 4-0 last Friday and is scheduled to be back in action on Monday at Westfield at 4 p.m.

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was going to be able to do in the race," said Dustin. "It was my first time racing here in a while. I had been able to practice, but I was still pretty nervous.

Dustin got aggressive during the final mile and put some serious distance between her and the other finishers and came in nearly four minutes ahead of her own teammate, Haley Piotrowski. Piotrowski would finish second with a time of 23:41.

Dustin's record-breaking finish was 15 seconds better than the previous record, which was set by Heather Wenninger in 2001. Wenninger was a runner for Chicopee Comp. Dustin is happy to now have the new record on her home course.

"It is a difficult course," said Dustin.

"There are a lot of hills and obstacles in the woods there. It can be really tough."

Since the race, Dustin says she has been feeling good and has been having full participation in practice with her team. She is focused on completing the season this year.

"I really want to be able to finish the year with the team and go and race at Western Mass. for the first time and maybe make it to the state race," said Dustin.

Dustin also participates on the Agawam swimming and diving team during the winter. She does have previous race victories at Robinson State Park. She won one race during her freshman, two as a sophomore, and one last year. She has never finished below 20 minutes in any of those races.

Wheeler helps out Bison

MIDDLEBURY, Vt. – Nichols men's golf team to a 16th place finish Sunday, Sept. 14 senior captain Kevin Wheeler, of Agawam, shot a 77 on the final day of the Duke Nelson Invitational to help the Nichols College golf

at Ralph Myhre Golf Course.

Wheeler, who shot an 82 on Saturday, finished in a tie for 32nd overall.





Bowmen set to host shoot Sept. 28

AGAWAM - The Agawam Bowmen Club is having a 3-d archery shoot on Sept. 28 from 7 a.m. until 12 p.m. open to the public food and drinks available call 413-569-1963 for more info or go to agawambowmen.org.

Also we will be having a 3-d zombie animal shoot on Oct. 11 from 12 to 4 p.m. this is a 10target short shoot at \$5 per shooter candy shots for the kids.

Obituaries & Church News

DEATH NOTICES & SERVICES

Altieri, Ronald N. Died Sept. 6, 2014 Private Burial Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Agawam

Cecchi, Emily (Dynia) Died: Sept. 12, 2014 No Services Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home Agawam

Watson, Robert Jr. Died Sept. 10, 2014 Funeral Sept. 15, 2014 Agawam Funeral Home

Emily Cecchi 1947- 2014

Emily (Dynia) Cecchi, 67, of Feeding Hills, entered into eternal peace on Friday, Sept. 12, 2014, at home with her loving family by her



side. Emily was the daughter of Ted and Helen (Brozowska) Dynia. She was born on May 22, 1947 in Springfield, and moved to

Agawam as a child, where she resided for most of her life. Emily was one of those extraordinary individu-

als who brightened the world with her presence. She was a truly beautiful person, inside, and out. She had an independence and style that was her own, and she was impossible not to love. Unassuming, compassionate, kind, and generous to a fault - a champion of the underdog and disadvantaged - she was the sort of mom and role model every child (and adult) deserves. Her three sons, David, Bobby, and Michael, are better men for it, and they will miss her beyond words. Emily's devotion to, and pride in her sons was evident to even the most casual acquaintance though it may be possible that her adoration for her grandchildren surpassed even that. Courageous, stubborn, and strong throughout her battle with cancer, Emily was thrilled to have been able to be present as her youngest grandchildren, Megan and Bailey, both graduated from Agawam High School this past June. Seeing all four grandchildren off to college this fall gave her immense joy. Emily is survived by her three sons and two daughters-in-law who she loved as her own, David R. Cecchi and his wife Laurie A. (Martin) Cecchi of Agawam, Robert J. Cecchi, Jr. of Agawam, Michael J. Cecchi and his wife Michelle L. (Chidester) Cecchi of Feeding Hills; and her four beloved grandchildren, Dillon Cecchi, Joseph Cecchi, Megan Cecchi, and Bailey Cecchi. Emily leaves a brother, Joseph Dynia of West Springfield; a sister, Lynn Chadderton, of Tucson, Ariz.; and a dear sister-in-law, Patricia Dynia, of Enfield, Conn. Emily also leaves several nieces and nephews. Em-

ily was predeceased by a brother,

Richard Dynia. In honor of Emily's wishes, there will be no calling hours or burial services. For online condolences, please visit www.forastierefuneralhome.com. Emily's family would like to share the following traditional Indian prayer with all those who knew and loved her: _

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And I shall leave you in peace_ And while you live_ Let your thoughts be with the liv-

Robert Watson, Jr. 1922 - 2014

Robert Watson Jr., 92, formerly of Agawam, entered into eternal rest Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014. Born



Fairfield. Penn., son of the late Robert and Zella (Currens) Watson, he moved to Agawam 1950 where he lived for over 60 years before

moving to Newtown, Conn. He received his education in Gettysburg, Penn. Robert retired from Blue Cross Blue Shield as an account executive in 1984 after 27 years. Robert dedicated his time and talents serving his community. He is the Deacon Emeritus at the Agawam Congregational Church, where he was both a long time teacher and deacon. He served 30 years as a commissioner for the Agawam Housing Authority. He was given the Andrew Gallano Award by the Agawam Council on Aging for his continuous efforts on behalf of the town's older citizens. He was a member of the Agawam Rotary Club and was given the prestigious Paul Harris Award. He was a past president and life member of the Agawam Lions Club. Robert was the recipient of the Melvin Jones Award, the highest award given by the Lions Club for exemplary service to his club and community. He also served as an arbitrator for the Better Business Bureau. He was a proud World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy having served in the Pacific Theater from 1942 to 1946. He was predeceased by his wife Elaine (Fontaine) Watson on May 15, 2014. He leaves his two daughters and their husbands, Nancy F. and Jeffrey Dorenfeld of Boston, and Patricia and David Gillespie of Council Bluffs, Iowa; and a son and his wife. Robert W. and Celina Watson of Danbury, Conn.; five grandchildren, Justin Shearer, Benjamin Dorenfeld, Sarah Watson, Elisabeth Watson and Faith Watson. The funeral was Sept. 15 at the Agawam Congregational Church. Interment followed at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001 or the Agawam Lions Club Sight and Hearing

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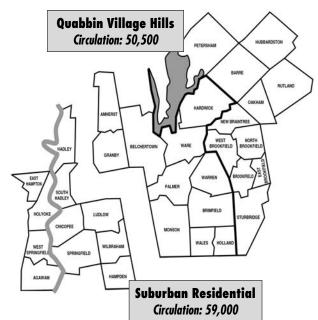


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OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote "free" events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at aan@turley.com, fax to 786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

Saturday, Sept. 20

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will hold a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Six Flags New England - Human Resources, 1756 Main St. To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org.

THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND is open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit www. holyokemerrygoround.

Sunday, Sept. 21

THE HAWKS AT MT. TOM PROGRAM will be held at Holyoke Heritage State Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All raptor programs are free and open to the public. The "Eyes on Owls" will present once in the morning and again in the afternoon and Tom Ricardi, raptor rehabilitation specialist will present his show at noon. For more information, call (413) 534-1723.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS will host a "mini tour" at 1 p.m., led by Ellen Peck-Killoh, George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum, highlighting "Islamic Arts." The tour is free with museum admission and secure, free onsite parking is available.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie ("The Secret Life of Walter Mitty") at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. No registration needed.

Wednesday, Sept. 24

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND MEN'S CHOIR at the Springfield Turnverein are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.

Thursday, Sept. 25

THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FAMILY PLAYGROUP, which takes place at the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, is open to children birth through age 5 with a parent or caregiver and meets weekly on Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m. It includes crafts, stories, songs, free play and more. For more information, call 786-7111 or email jbrownacc@verizon.net.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "The Intersection of Art & Music - Composers' Inspiration & Contest in this Season's Classical Performances" featuring Kevin Rhodes, Springfield Symphony Orchestra Music Director," at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING

FITNESS FIRST HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a blood drive sponsored by Mercy Medical Center, Friday, Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A driver's license with

photo or state identification with photo is required to donate blood. All donors should eat at least two to three hours prior to donating, weigh at least 110 pounds and must be 18 years or older. To make an appointment, call (413) 786-1460

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will hold a blood drive Friday, Sept. 26 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Agawam Fire Department located at 800 Main St. To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 185 will host a can and bottle drive Saturday Oct. 4. Drop off location is in front of the Agawam First Baptist Church on Main Street from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Proceeds will help defray the cost of campouts and other Scout functions. Rain date is Oct. 11.

THE ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL AT AGAWAMCONGREGATIONALCHURCH will take place Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The day's events will include a juried arts and crafts fair, book sale, raffles, an old-fashioned General Store and the Country Lunch Café. The public is invited.

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION will host a tag sale Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Spaces available. To reserve a space, call Marilyn at 786-1452, or email AgawamHistoricalAssoc@gmail.com.

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION will hold its Annual Apple Pie Contest Saturday, Oct. 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. To pre-register, which is required, call Marilyn at 786-1452 or email AgawamHistoricalAssoc@gmail.com. For more information and contest rules, visit thethomassmithhouse.com.

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS will host "An Evening of Hope and Recovery" gala dinner, Saturday, Oct. 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. Keynote speaker will be Kitty Dukakis, former Massachusetts First Lady and mental health advocate. For more information, visit www.namiwm.org or call (413) 426-0907 or (413) 244-5826.

A CARD AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW will be held Sunday, Oct. 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission is \$1; kids under 10 are free. There will be over 40 tables, a door prize drawing every 30 minutes, and the club is handicap accessible. For more information, call (413) 593-6046.

DIXIELAND STOMP, a six-man group that performs traditional New Orleans Ragtime and Dixieland music, will present a free concert Sunday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 36 Court St, Westfield. The public is invited.

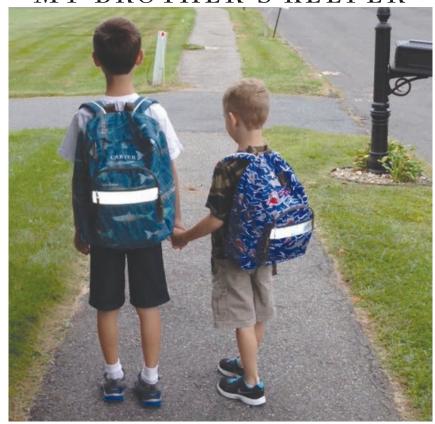
THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERTS at Trinity United Methodist Church in Springfield will feature Sarah Briggs on violin, Carol Hutter on viola, Mark Fraser on cello and Ellen Redman on flute Oct. 7 at 10:30 a.m. Free refreshments are provided after the performances. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin, 25 Valentine St., Springfield or call 736-0766.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper Wednesday, Oct. 8 at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL'S POPULAR APPLAUSE SERIES continues Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center with a performance by The Argiro Quintet and its program of music in the style of legendary jazz pianist George Shearing. The Agawam Senior Center is located at 954 Main St. and can be reached by phone at (413) 821-0604. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public.

HISTORIC TRINITY UNITED METH-ODIST CHURCH, located at 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield, will hold its Fall Craft Fair Saturday, Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER



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Carter Bulmer, left, a third-grader, walks with his little brother, Owen, to the bus stop for his first day of kindergarten.

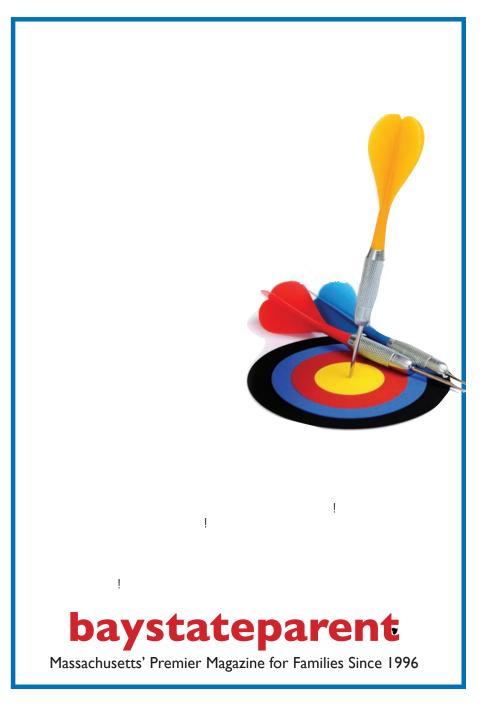
In addition to over 30 community vendors, there will be homemade baked goods and the ever-popular luncheon. Admission is free. The public is invited.

A BLOOD CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Agawam Senior Center conference room. A light dinner is served. For more information or to register, call (413) 789-0200, visit www.springfieldmed.com, or email survivorshipprogram@gmail.com.

A CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP meets the third Thursday of each month, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the office of Maryann Pa-

leologopoulos LICSW, Inc., 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam (at the rotary). Refreshments served. For more information or to register, call (413) 789-0200, visit www.springfieldmed.com, or email survivorshipprogram@gmail.com.

A BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 6 to 7:15 p.m. at office of Maryann Paleologopoulos LICSW, Inc., 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam (at the rotary). Refreshments served. For more information or to register, call (413) 789-0200, visit www.springfieldmed.com, or email survivorshipprogram@gmail.com.



Betty's history celebrated with model replica of landmark

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wacz, who enjoys spending her spare time doing models, replicas and other handywork around her house. She said the replica brought back many of her fun memories of the place she worked at for more than 25 years.

The business was started by Betty Bottaro and eventually passed on to her children Ralph and Mela Bottaro. The two ran the business for many years. Grzywacz started working there in 1977, and Mela Bottaro became a mentor to her.

"She taught me how to cook and clean," said Grzywacz. "She was always there for me and taught me how to be a better person. I became a loving, caring person because of her. We had a very close relationship."

Unfortunately, Mela Bottaro passed away at age 56 from cancer. Grzywacz believes she acquired the disease through second-hand smoke. Ralph Bottaro passed away in 1995. The business closed and was demolished after the property was sold by Bottaro's son to Walgreens. Walgreen's has been located on the property ever since.

Grzywacz used old photographs of the building to bring her replica to life. The majority of the building is made from wood and was painted. She did her best to make sure the shade of red closely matched the building she remembered. She was creative with the roof.

"I used actual shingles to construct the roof," said Grzywacz. "I had to cut it into smaller pieces to make the roof look real."

Grzywacz did not work on the model all the time. Overall, it took a few months to build, and was completed in the middle of August

"I would work on it for a couple of hours here and there and go do something else," said Grzywacz.

In addition to pieces of wood, she also used wire nuts and other craft items to create a lot of the front design, which includes the Betty's sign.

"The sign was my favorite thing to cre-



Turley Publications photos by Gregory A. Scibelli Grzywacz made trees and other decorations to surround the model.

ate," said Grzywacz. "I wanted to make sure it looked like the actual sign that was in front of the building."

There are other small decorations in front of the building, including white fencing, a gazebo, and a horse and wagon. She also made a fire hydrant on the property.

"I have created some house models for people before," said Grzywacz. "But this model is very special."

Betty Bottaro also had another business called Betty's In The Patch, a restaurant in Agawam. It burnt down in 1992. Grzywacz is planning to build a replica in the future.

The model is another great way Grzywacz is keeping the great memory of a place that meant so much to her alive. Other memories are decorated throughout her house. When Betty's closed, she acquired many decorations and signs from the restaurant. They are now adorning the walls of her Rhodes Street home.



Betty's Old Towne House closed in 1998, and was replaced by Walgreens on Springfield Street.



Grzywacz said re-creating the sign was her favorite part of the project.



A small gazebo was part of the front of the restaurant.



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Grzywacz tried to re-create all the plantings, trees and windows in front of the restaurant.